

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows.

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A retractor assembly suitable for hip or other joint surgery ~~comprising~~ includes a structural member ~~(1)~~, which consists of a handle ~~(2)~~ that extends ~~proximal~~ through a curved region ~~(4)~~ to a distal region ~~(3)~~ ~~adapted~~ for use in a suitable patient, ~~a.~~ A light ducting member ~~(5)~~, ~~which~~ is at least in part in substantial conformity to the curved region ~~(4)~~, ~~adapted in use to receive light and reliant on internal reflection of the light~~, to transmit such received light about at least part of the curved region to an emission outlet ~~(7)~~ which casts light to a zone at and/or about ~~said the~~ distal region ~~(3)~~, and ~~a.~~ A shield ~~(6)~~ ~~overlying~~ overlies at least that part of the light ~~ducting means~~ ~~(5)~~ duct in substantial conformity to at least part of the curved region ~~(4)~~, ~~wherein the~~. The light ducting member ~~(5)~~, the shield ~~(6)~~ and the structural member ~~(1)~~ can be brought into assembly so that directly and/or indirectly each of the light ducting member ~~(5)~~ and the shield ~~(6)~~ is in a supported condition relative to the structural member ~~(1)~~.